

TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
TRYSULL, ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2008**

The Chairman reported that the year commenced with the May 2007 elections, following which the Council were delighted to welcome three new Councillors Steve Harrison, Helen Sanders and Josie Stephenson.

Planning issues continue to occupy the minds of Councillors and the Chairman stated that there have been several outstanding enforcement matters and the Chairman and Vice Chairman attended a meeting with the South Staffordshire District Council planners to discuss these.

The Playing Fields Association has had another active year and the Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for all the work he has carried out to ensure the continuation of sporting facilities at both Trysull and Seisdon. The latest project to be completed at the Pavilion is the provision of new fascia boards and the fitting of new windows, and the committee is now considering the viability of installing central heating.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Smith for taking on responsibility for the children's play area and play equipment from Mr. Tonkinson, and for agreeing to meet with play equipment companies to progress the future development and maintenance of this area.

Traffic calming has continued to exercise the minds of the Councillors and the Chairman thanked Mr. Compson for continuing to pursue and investigate the possible acquisition and installation of interactive warning signs.

As in previous years the Vice Chairman has studied the accounts and produced the Councils budget figures for the precept and the Chairman thanked him for preparing these and for the clear and concise way in which the same was presented to the Council.

The Village Hall Committee continues to thrive and the Chairman stated she was pleased to report that Lorraine Compson and Josie Stephenson have been appointed to that committee. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Bagley for her continued commitment to the Village Hall Committee and for attending the meetings and reporting back to the Council.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Sue Cotterell, the Trysull coordinator, and Geoff Chance, the Seisdon coordinator, for all of their hard work and enthusiasm in last years Best Kept Village Competition, with Trysull being judged and finishing in a commendable third place. The Chairman stated that the 2008 competition will be starting shortly and she hoped that everyone will do all that they can to assist the coordinators in their quest to equal or improve on last years result.

Following the retirement of Tony Unwin, to whom the Chairman extended a sincere thank you for all the time, energy and commitment in starting the Footpadders Scheme, the Chairman was pleased to report that Mr. Kelly has assumed responsibility for the

Footpadders Scheme and he has prepared an excellent footpadders pack for those residents in the Parish who have adopted a footpath. The Chairman reported that a meeting has been held with Footpath Officers and discussions are ongoing to ensure there will be a point of contact for referral of outstanding issues. A further meeting is to be held in the near future to progress.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Kelly has continued to liaise with the Head Teacher of Trysull School and the Chair of Governors following which detailed reports are given to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Harrison for accepting the nomination for the vacancy for a Trustee to the Trysull & Seisdon Charity the nomination being for four years.

Neighbourhood Watch continues to operate very efficiently and is now ably coordinated by Vince Merrick following the retirement of David Southall from the post of coordinator. The Chairman stated she would like to record the Parish Council's thanks to David for all of the time and hard work expended organising and running the scheme whilst he was the coordinator.

Unfortunately as a Parish anti social behaviour has been encountered including graffiti, particularly on the bus shelter, and vandalism . These incidents were reported to our Community PC who prepared a letter on Police headed notepaper for distribution and the Chairman thanked all Councillors for their contribution in delivering these to households in the Parish.

The Chairman reported that the planning applications for expansion at Wolverhampton Business Airport have been withdrawn. However, the latest statements made on Wolverhampton Airport in the draft of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy are causing concern to WAAG and they have requested interested parties respond to the Regional Consultation by stating that reference to Wolverhampton Airport should be confined to the airport continuing in its current role serving Business and General Aviation. A watching brief is being maintained and the Council has continued to support Bobbington Parish Council.

The restoration of the Seisdon Quarry is continuing and the Chairman thanked Mr. Tonkinson for liaising with Tarmac and the County Council.

The Chairman thanked our District Councillor Bob McCardle and our County Councillor Brian Edwards for all of their assistance during the year. Thanks were expressed to all Councillors for attending the monthly, and mid-monthly meetings, and the Chairman thanked Councillors for their help and support throughout the year and thanked the Clerk for her assistance and guidance.

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